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Colin Powell receives Liberty Medal at annual July 4 ceremony



Northeast Region Director Marie Rust provided the welcome to the Liberty Medal Ceremony.



"Love this place"----Secretary of State Colin Powell signed the INDE distinguished visitor log inside Independence Hall with the comment, "Great to be back---Love this place!" Behind Powell is his wife, Alma.



Secretary Powell received a hero's welcome as he appeared on stage at the ceremony. For security reasons, he arrived while the event was in progress.



Philadelphia Mayor John Street greets the descendents of signers of the Declaration as they prepare to tap the Liberty Bell as part of the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony

Right---Former Philadelphia Mayor Reverend Wilson Goode greets NPS Deputy Director Donald Murphy. Murphy and his family attended events in the park on July 3 and 4.



INDE commemorates first public reading of the Declaration on July 8

INDE marked the anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence with the traditional reenactment on Independence Square. Despite this year's security measures, a large crowd turned out to hear Ray Harshbarger (right) portray Colonel John Nixon. Among those in attendance were Thomas Jefferson (Bill Barker) and John Adams (Steve Perlman).



Magna Carta returns to INDE

The Magna Carta, the bedrock of constitutional freedom and foundation for the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, returned to INDE on July 3 at the Independence Visitor Center. The exhibit will be on view to public through March 2003 in the park's exhibit area.

The Magna Carta returns to Philadelphia from the National Archives where it is on permanent loan from the Perot Foundation. The exhibit also features historically significant documents on loan from the Library Company of Philadelphia. The man behind the first visit during the Constitution Bicentennial, Judge Edward Becker, was also instrumental in making the return engagement possible. In 1987, the charter was displayed in Old City Hall as part of the "We the People" U.S. Constitution Bicentennial celebration.

In June 1215, King John of England agreed to the demands of his barons as expressed in the Magna Carta. An extraordinary testament to basic rights and freedoms, the Magna Carta expressed human principles that previously had never been stated or written into law. Handwritten copies of the charter were prepared on parchment, affixed with the king's seal and publicly read throughout the region, guaranteeing freedoms for generations to come.

From left, Acting Superintendent Dennis Reidenbach, NPS Deputy Director Donald Murphy and NPS Northeast Region Director Marie Rust took part in the opening ceremonies for the Magna Carta exhibit in the Independence Visitor Center.



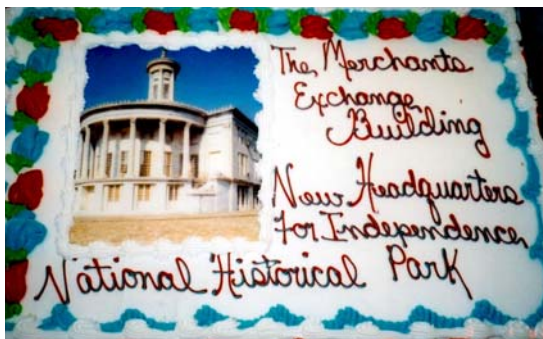
Sir Edward Coke's reinterpretation of the Magna Carta in the early 17th century underlined several major principles: that everyone has a right to a jury trial before imprisonment, that the law must be obeyed by everyone including kings, and that there are certain rights, which no law can take away. When American colonists raised arms against England, they were not fighting for new rights, but to preserve the liberties evoked in the Magna Carta that dated back to the 13th century.

Coke's interpretation of the Magna Carta was widely read by American law students such as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. Like the barons of 1215, the colonists' petitioned their grievances against the Stamp Act of 1765 by declaring the Act "against the Magna Carta and the natural

rights of Englishmen, and therefore, according to Lord Coke, null and void." On the eve of the Revolution, Massachusetts adopted as its seal a militiaman holding a sword in one hand and the Magna Carta in the other. In 1779, John Adams expressed the Magna Carta's concept of constitutional rights this way: "A government of laws, and not of men."

The Magna Carta copy is owned by H. Ross Perot, one of five known surviving copies that were commissioned by King Edward I in 1297 and entered on the English statute rolls and the only copy existing in the United States. Perot purchased his copy of the Magna Carta in 1984 for \$1.5 million. All other known existing copies of the Magna Carta remain in England. The Magna Carta remains as a profound legal presence. The United States Supreme Court has cited the Magna Carta in over 100 cases.

Park Headquarters moves to historic Merchants Exchange Building



After many years of construction, park headquarters relocated to the Merchants Exchange Building within the park. Along with the offices in 313 Walnut Street, the Chief of Maintenance, Chief Ranger offices relocated to Third and Walnut, and the Cultural Resources Management staff moved to the MEB. The library/archives is in the process of being moved to the third floor of the building.

During an Open House for the move, some former occupants of the Merchants Exchange, which once housed the offices of the NPS Mid Atlantic Region (later becoming the Northeast Region) from left Chet Harris and Jerry Sielaff joined Northeast Region Director Marie Rust and Acting Superintendent Dennis Reidenbach and former MARO Public Affairs Officer Art Miller in cutting a cake to celebrate the move.



Friends of INHP help fund upgrade to Magnolia Garden

A \$1,000 grant from the Friends of Independence NHP provided new azaleas and ivy for the Magnolia Garden. Grounds Foreman Steve Murphy uses an auger to prepare the soil for planting the new shrubs, which are white, like their older counterparts in the garden.

Employee Recreation Committee Schedule of Events, 2002

All monies raised will be going towards a Holiday Party that will reflect either a reduced ticket price or FREE admission to park employees (spouses, relatives, or significant others will be charged a minimal ticket price)

Month	Date	Event	Location
September	TBA	Pretzel Sale	Parkwide
September	TBA (Saturday)	Bus Trip to Atlantic City	Meet at Old VC @ 11:00 a.m.
October	TBA	Pretzel Sale	Parkwide
October	Entire month	Cookbook Sale	Parkwide
November	13 th	Pretzel Sale	Parkwide
November	27 th or Dec. 11 th	Bake Sale	MEB
December	TBA	Holiday Party	TBA

Your ERC Representatives are:

Walter Anderson, Maintenance (x1360)

Andrea Ashby Leraris, CRM (x8047)

Debbie Davis, Admin/Procurement (x7125)

David Fitzpatrick, Maintenance (x3750)

Arlene Hymovitz, Maintenance (x3945)

Linda Lafferty, R&VS (x5438)

Larry McClenney, I&VS/West (x7091)

Mike Panasiuk, Admin/Budget (x9985)

Toneia Ragsdale, Admin/Budget (x4257)

Sammy Scott, Maintenance (x1360)

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. To be a volunteer, you must have your supervisor's approval. For more information, please contact one of the representatives above.

Mid Year Awards Recipients

Length of Service

40 Years

William Powell

Thirty Years of Service

James Johnson

Lloyd Mathis

Twenty-five Years of Service

Robert Colomy

Dawn Harrington

Linda Lafferty

Ten Years of Service

Derrick Black

Cherie Butler

Mark Cosgrove

Dennis Connelly

Patia Kubel-Leone

Joseph Savage

On-the-Spot Awards

Thomas Abraham

Laurence Addicott

Walter Anderson

Maria Brady

Bethany Brosey

Terry Brown

Michael Callahan

Palmer Forbes

Grady Golden

Patricia Gorman

Jesse Hargett

Jake Harris

Roy Harshbarger

Barry Kelly

Jason Lichtblau

Junita Logan

Larry McClenney

Rosemary McGrory

Nichole McHenry

William Powell

Sammie Scott

Edward Welch

Darren Whearry

Cliff Womack

Time Off Awards

Eric Knight

Andrew McDougall

Helen McKenna-Uff

Stephen Medeiros

Vanessa Russell

Sick Leave Recognition

CATEGORY B: 500+ CLUB

1. Martha Aikens

2. Hollis Provins

3. Kevin O'Brien

4. Frank Eidmann

5. Dennis Reidenbach

6. Phil Sheridan

7. Jesse Martin

8. Steve Sitarski

9. Frank Connor

10. Robert Giannini

11. Dawn Harrington

12. Clark Salomon

13. Anthony Ipri

14. Preston James

15. Raymond Fossett

16. John Kornish

17. Steve Perlman

18. Richard Friedman

19. Donald Grace

20. Karie Diethorn

21. Doris Fanelli

22. Larry McClenney

23. Joseph Talvacchio

24. Todd Hart

25. Deborah Brizzi

26. Mary Jenkins

27. Barry Kelly

28. William Oates

29. George Neuhauser

30. Jean Marra

31. Anna Coxe Toogood

32. Tom Degnan

33. James Michalski

34. Mary Reinhart

35. Robert Grau

36. Beth Mansfield

37. Mike Panasiuk

38. Gloria Eddins

39. Steve Smith

40. Nan Byrne

41. Joseph Menefee

42. David Fitzpatrick

43. Arlene Hymovitz

44. Thomas Abraham

45. Barbara Rabinovich

46. Maria Schaller

47. Joe Nicholson

48. Chris Schillizzi

49. Beverly Morris

50. Richard Starr

1000 HOURS AND 0% USAGE

Martha Aikens

Karie Diethorn

Doris Fanelli

Steve Perlman

Anthony Ipri

Jesse Martin

Joseph Talvaccio

Hollis Provins

200+ WITH 2% USAGE

Anthony Brown

Catherine Buckingham

Mark Cosgrove

Jack Hopely

Robert Kozak

William Macfeeters

Charmeka Parker

Dennis Rhoads

Joann Schillizzi

Charles Tonetti

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